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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of John C. Reed

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For: NOVEL CARD PROTEINS

INVOLVED IN CELL DEATH

REGULATION

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2003, consideration of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of current status of claims that begins of page 2 of this paper. Currently amended claims are presented with markings to indicate changes made relative to the immediate prior version by underlining of added text, double bracketing of deleted text having five or fewer characters, and strikethrough of deleted text having six or more characters.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.